

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1592 without my signature.

I support the intent to make improvements to the statutes governing the use of Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) in state contracting. My Administration is committed to including these firms as much as feasible within the State's business operations. However, due to recent budget and staff reductions, numerous state agencies and departments cannot comply with the provisions of this bill.

Furthermore, the California Performance Review (CPR) contains recommendations for restructuring procurement processes, specifically the DVBE contract participation, which merits further consideration. It is premature to make statutory changes before the final results of the CPR are implemented.

For the reasons stated above I cannot sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger